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HELP WITH YOUR MEDICARE COSTS IS AVAILABLE

Help with Medicare Costs

You may be able to get help with your Medicare costs from your State. The Medicare Savings Programs help people who have limited income and resources pay for their Medicare expenses. The help that you can get from the Medicare Savings Programs can save you more than \$1,100 a year. If you are paying a premium for Medicare Part A, the Medicare Savings Programs may pay it for you. You could qualify if:

- **You have Medicare Part A, also known as Hospital Insurance and**
- **Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks or bonds) are worth \$4,000 or less, or you and your spouse (if married and living together) have resources of \$6,000 or less. Resources do not include such things as the home where you live, your home furnishings, a car, burial plots and \$1,500 in a burial account, and**
- **Your monthly income is less than \$1,169 or your and your spouse's monthly income (if married and living together) is less than \$1,561. These income limits will change slightly in 2008.**

Note: Income limits are slightly higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Other States may also have higher income and resource requirements.

If you think you might be able to get this help with your Medicare costs, or if you are not sure, call your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227); TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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HELP WITH YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage - Medicare is offering voluntary prescription drug coverage. You must join a Medicare prescription drug plan to get this prescription drug coverage. If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get extra help paying for this if:

- Your average monthly income is less than \$1,296 and you live alone or if you live only with your spouse and your total monthly income is less than \$1,731. Your income could be higher if you live in Alaska or Hawaii, support other family members who live with you or if you have earnings from work, and
- You have resources (such as money in a bank, stocks or bonds) worth \$10,210 or less (\$20,410 or less if you are married and living with your spouse). The resource limits can be slightly higher (an additional \$1,500 per person) if you will use some of your money for burial expenses.

If you think you may qualify you should fill out an **Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs** right away. If you have sent it in already, you may hear soon if you qualify for extra help.

For more information about getting extra help with your prescription drug costs or if you want to apply for the extra help, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) or visit www.socialsecurity.gov. You also can apply at your State medical assistance office.

To learn more about Medicare prescription drug coverage and how to join a plan, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048) or visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet.



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